



# St. James The Great



ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER



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As we move into the second month of the academic year the pace of school life gathers momentum, we get closer to half term and will begin making arrangements for our Christmas programme. There are traditional markers as we move through the year and it is hoped that circulation of the school's annual calendar which you should have received is helpful in enabling parents to plan attendance at events accordingly. I am pleased to attach to this Newsletter the programme of Class Parish Masses, Prayer Services and Assemblies which we hope you will attend wherever possible. The children always appreciate seeing their parents at these times which are open to all.

I would like to thank Lauraine Crawford, Paul Doyle, Donatus Muoghalu and Karen Rodrigues for putting themselves forward for election as a Parent Governor. I know we are fortunate to have such interest shown and clearly each of them would have made a valuable contribution to the life of our school in this capacity. Hopefully the unsuccessful candidates will take other opportunities that arise and may consider standing again in the future. Following the count Mrs Marchant, as the Governors' returning officer for the election, confirmed the results as follows:-

Karen Rodrigues:	63 votes	Paul Doyle:	20 votes
Lauraine Crawford:	23 votes	Donatus Muoghalu:	15 votes

It is confirmed that Karen Rodrigues is accordingly elected to the role of Parent Governor for a 4 year term of office until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 and we extend our congratulations to the successful candidate who will attend her first Governors' meeting later this month.

### IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE – YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

We have agreed with the centre we are using for the visit a rearranged date in order to secure the best possible accommodation on the site. Date lists will need to be amended accordingly. The visit will now take place 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May which immediately follows SATs week. The children will then have a week in school following the visit prior to the half term break. The rescheduled parents' meeting for the trip will now take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All Year 6 are welcome to attend after which a firm commitment to join the party will be required. This is a new centre that provides a very similar programme to that experienced in previous years at the UKSA.

**HARVEST CELEBRATION:** We are holding our annual harvest assembly at 2.45 pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This celebration will be led by the children in Years 2 and 3. All families are welcome to attend. As part of this celebration we are collecting tinned and packaged food (food that will not perish) to benefit the homeless people of Croydon. We would, therefore, ask you to send in your donation with your child on the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> October in preparation for the Assembly. A representative from Nightwatch will be in attendance and will take the donations away with them. Thank you for your support.



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

With School Council elections now completed, I can confirm membership of the Council for this year as follows:-

- Year 6: Fionn Devaney, Allison Furtado, Jada Kariuki, Thomas Larkin, Isabella Muniandy, Robyn Parry, Mark Szymaniak and Benjamin Vassallo
- Year 5: Amanda Burrows, Rhianne Creary, Nile Dotting, Louise Fernandes, Aidan Finnegan, Liam Hutchinson-Gleeson, Ola Olufemi-Krakue and Karl Ramos
- Year 4: Lauren Adjei, Niall Byrne, Elliott Fernandes, Jahmai Gardner, Hazel Hammond-Mends, Melissa Mullings, Melissa Noel and Tyler Smith
- Year 3: Saffron Ely, Bolaji Fayankinnu, Elliott Leathem, Conor Moody, Alex Morrone, Saskia Poulter, Rahul Rodrigues and Simona Tedros

Representatives of the Council are scheduled to meet with the Governors at a meeting later this term. We wish the Council a good year ahead.

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mr Stewart's keenness on sport came to the fore when he organised a recent football tournament against Kensington Avenue and Norbury Manor that saw our B and A teams coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. Well done to: Fiifi Asafu-Adjaye, Anthony Ayrouth, Niall Byrne, Jacques D'Monte, Christian Fernandes, Jahmai Gardner, Mason Joseph, Angelo Dino Lanzalaco, Edmond Lewin, Jack McLean, Jordy Muyulu, Jordan Ogwuke, Christopher Pindi, Joseph Rinson, Marcus Romilly and Tyler Smith. Congratulations to Mr Stewart on such a good start to the sporting year.

## FRIENDS ASSOCIATION BARN DANCE

This event appears to be becoming a firm favourite in the annual programme. With approximately 130 people present, including one dad celebrating his birthday, a great night was had by all. Clearly not an event to be missed and I am sorry I could not be there – next time hopefully! The event earned approximately £500 for the Friends – well done again.

## NEXT EVENT – DATE FOR DIARY!!!

**OUR GRANDEST FIREWORK DISPLAY EVER – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7 PM FOR 8 PM** (see separate flyer for ticket information).

**SCHOOL UNIFORM (GIRLS) REMINDER:** School uniform requirements are plain white socks or navy blue or grey tights during the winter months. A number of girls are coming to school with dark socks that do not comply with this uniform requirement and parents are requested to address this issue.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October is the day that has been set aside for the annual individual and family group photographs. A separate letter will be issued detailing the arrangements for this day but please note the date on your calendar.

**MRS SHOULDER** is one of the three nominees for the Teacher of the Year Award. Croydon Champions 2009 is hosting a gala evening at Hilton Hotel on 11th November 2009 at which the results will be announced. Our congratulations to Mrs Shoulder who was nominated by a Year 1 pupil.

## ADVERTISEMENT

We are a childminding couple offering childcare services to children of all ages and abilities. We offer an inclusive affordable and flexible childcare to meet the needs of your child and family, including drop offs and pick ups from St James the Great, Broadmead School, and Gonville School. We can provide long days, overnight and weekend childcare if needed. We offer the children a stimulating and exciting learning and nurturing environment and would love to hear from any parents who need childminding services. We welcome students, shift workers and lone parents. To arrange an informal visit or just to find out more information please call Bernadette and Savio on 079 887 782 59 or 0208 409 0169 or email us on [rainbowchildcareservices@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rainbowchildcareservices@yahoo.co.uk).

N.B. *The insertion of this advertisement does not imply any recommendation.*

## Class Assembly, Prayer Service and Mass Schedule

<b>Class</b>	<b>Thursday Assembly- 3.05pm</b>	<b>Prayer Service 9.45 am- Oratory</b>	<b>10 o'clock Parish Mass</b>
R.1	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb- St Barts
R.2	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb- St Andrew's
1.1	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	30 <sup>th</sup> June- St Andrew's
1.2	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	30 <sup>th</sup> June- St Barts
2.1	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan- St Andrew's
2.2	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan- St Barts
3.1	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	10 <sup>th</sup> June- St Barts
3.2	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	10 <sup>th</sup> June- St Andrew's
4.1	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2010	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan- St Barts
4.2	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2010	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan- St Andrew's
5.1	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2010	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov- St Barts
5.2	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov- St Andrews
6.1	-	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – St Barts
6.2	-	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct –St Andrew's

**Please note classes will be attending the Parish Masses listed above as part of the normal congregation, not in a lead capacity. All are welcome to the above celebrations.**